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"AN ACT CONCERNING COURT OPERATIONS."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 54-1d of the 2006 supplement to the general
4 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
5 (*Effective from passage*):

6 (a) For the purposes of this section, "geographical area" means the
7 geographical area of the Superior Court established pursuant to
8 section 51-348.

9 [(a)] (b) Except as provided in subsections [(b) and (c)] (d) and (e) of
10 this section, defendants in criminal actions shall be [brought]
11 presented for arraignment to: [the]

12 (1) The court in the geographical area [, established pursuant to
13 section 51-348,] in which the crime was alleged to have been

14 committed; [, or, if]

15 (2) If the arrest was by warrant, [to] the court in the geographical
16 area in which the crime was alleged to have been committed or in
17 which the arrest was made; [, or, if] or

18 (3) If the [defendant is arrested on] arrest was by a warrant issued
19 pursuant to section 53a-32 or for failure to appear as provided in
20 section 53a-172 or 53a-173, [to] the court in the geographical area in
21 which the crime was alleged to have been committed or in which the
22 arrest was made, or the superior court having jurisdiction over the
23 underlying criminal prosecution.

24 (c) If the defendant was [brought] presented to the court in the
25 geographical area in which the arrest was made for arraignment and
26 was not released from custody after such arraignment, the defendant
27 shall be presented to the court in the geographical area in which the
28 crime was alleged to have been committed not later than the [second]
29 fifth court day following such arraignment. Except as provided in
30 subsection (d) of this section, any defendant who has been presented to
31 the court in accordance with this section and is the subject of one or
32 more additional arrest warrants issued for crimes that were alleged to
33 have been committed in one or more geographical areas, other than the
34 geographical area in which the defendant is initially presented, shall
35 subsequently be presented to the court in each geographical area in
36 which such crimes were alleged to have been committed, in such order
37 as the courts may determine, not later than the fifth court day
38 following the prior arraignment. A criminal cause shall not fail on the
39 ground that it has been submitted to a session of improper venue.

40 [(b)] (d) Any defendant who is charged with multiple offenses
41 under any provision of section 53a-127b or sections 53a-128a to 53a-
42 128i, inclusive, where such offenses were alleged to have been
43 committed in more than one geographical area, [established pursuant
44 to section 51-348,] may be presented to the court in any one of such
45 geographical areas. The court may consolidate all such offenses into a

46 single criminal action and shall have jurisdiction over such action.

47 [(c)] (e) Any defendant who is charged with a violation of section
48 53a-129a of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1,
49 2003, or section 53a-129b, 53a-129c or 53a-129d and any defendant who
50 is charged with any other offense committed as a result of such
51 violation may be presented to the court in the geographical area in
52 which the person whose personal identifying information has been
53 obtained and used by the defendant resides."